

Praying for the Curious

The importance of Prayer: A DiscipleMaker doesn't wait until someone's a Christian. No, we get involved in non-Christian's lives too. How? By praying. Prayer is *a conversation between two lovers about something of mutual interest*. God's interested in the lost! That's why we can talk with him about family and friends who don't know him. Day after day, whenever they come to mind, talk to God about others. Don't stop until your friend comes to Christ.

3•1•6: Use the most famous verse in the Bible, John 3.16, to remind you to pray. Pick 3 unsaved friends. Make a list. Put it in a place you'll see it often, like on your computer monitor or your bathroom mirror. Pray for the 3 persons once a day, 6 days a week. That's **3•1•6**.

Audi: What kind of car do you drive? A 20 yr old Audi, like I do? No matter. Use the model of car you have to remind you to pray for the Curious, the not Curious too? If you're typical, you see your brand of car all the time. Make it a memory aid – pray! Don't have a car? Whenever the bus comes, or the subway arrives in the station – or you mount your bike, or your horse... pray!

Ways to help you pray for the Curious

Imagination: Imagine not being a Jesus-follower. Take it to the logical end: what you'd be like, how you would end up. What would have happened in your relationships? Imagine being in a Search & Rescue team, determined to rescue others. Ask God to give you this kind of commitment to non-Christians: you'll do anything to help rescue them.

Study: read Genesis 24, Abraham's servant looking for a wife for Isaac. Take this as your assignment, finding a bride for his son Jesus. Commit yourself to this task.

Start: begin to pray for your friends now. Don't wait to be trained. Don't wait for the right words. Just start.

Be serious: If you weren't a Christian, how would you want someone to pray for you? Pray this way, passionately and emotionally about your friend's condition.

Persist: Show God (and yourself) you're serious about your friend's salvation.

Prepare: ask God to make you ready to answer your friend's questions.

Sample prayers for the Curious and Not Curious *(Personalize this)*

Genesis 1: Imagine God's Spirit brooding over the chaos of the first creation. Now imagine the Spirit brooding over your friend's life. Beg God to say **Light** and **Life** to your friend.

Luke 1: Pray the prophecy of Jesus as our spiritual sunrise. Claim it for your friend. Beg God to bring the light of Jesus into your friend's life.

Mark 7: Be creative and persistent. Pray like the mother pled with Jesus for her sick daughter. *(Matt.15.21-28)*

John 6: Jesus said only God can pull someone to himself, like a fisherman draws in a net. Beg God to pull your friend out of sin into faith. Remind God he's in control of your friend's destiny.

John 11: Beg Jesus to call your friend's name like he did Lazarus and give him/her eternal life.

Galatians 1: God chose Saul for salvation, *it pleased him to reveal his Son to me (vv. 15-16)*. Ask God to single out your friend for salvation and reveal himself to them.

Remember to pray. Then after you've prayed, **do more than pray**. Go out with God to see what he's doing in your friend's life.

Small things done in great love will change the world